

**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or
plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

Application Number	10/607,646
Confirmation Number	2684
Filing Date	June 27, 2003
First Named Inventor	Guyton P. SWINDELL
Group Art Unit	3729
Examiner Name	Thiem D. PHAN
Matter Number	A8973
Title	APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR TAUT SHEATH SPLICING OF ALL-DIELECTRIC, SELF-SUPPORTING FIBER OPTIC CABLE

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
previously filed on _____
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Petition for Extension of Time
- v. ☐ Other _____

2. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a
period of _____ months
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. FEES

The RCE statutory fee of \$790.00 is being charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880 via EFS Payment Screen.
The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to
Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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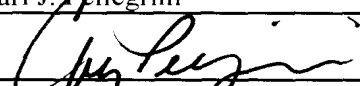
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Signature  Date November 17, 2006